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SUBJECT: ALLEGED STATE RESTRICTION OF DEA

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1. SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF THE CURRENT CHIEF DEA AGENT IN 1974, THERE HAS BEEN A COMPLETE MEETING OF THE MINDS BETWEEN HIM AND THE AMBASSADOR AND NARCOTICS COORDINATOR ON THE PARAMETERS OF HIS OPERATIONS IN INDIA. THE OFFICE'S PRINCIPAL FUNCTION IS INTELLIGENCE AIMED AT DETECTING THE ENTRANCE OF INDIAN OPIUM INTO ILLICIT INTERNATIONAL CHANNELS. SECONDARILY IT SEEKS TO INTERRUPT THE MARIJUANA/HASHISH/HAS OIL TRAFFIC FROM NEPAL. IN THE LONGER TERM, THE OFFICE SERVES TO STIMULATE THE INTEREST OF GOI ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL; TO INCREASE THEIR AWARENESS OF THE POTENTIAL RISKS FROM INDIA'S LARGE DOMESTIC PRODUCTION; AND TO STRENGTHEN THEIR CAPACITY THROUGH COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS AND TRAINING.

2. IN THIS CONTEXT THE SCOPE FOR ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS HAS BEEN VERY LIMITED, ALTHOUGH IT HAS GROWN OVER THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS. THE EMBASSY HAS AT NO TIME VETOED OR RESTRAINED THE DEA OFFICE IN ITS CONDUCT OF THE FEW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS IN WHICH IT HAS ENGAGED. ON
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THE CONTRARY, THE MOST NOTABLE CASE RESULTED IN AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS LAST FALL BETWEEN THE AMBASSADOR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR REVENUE. THE AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THE ACTION AS "AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF EFFECTIVE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES." IN TRANSMITTING THE MINISTER'S LETTER TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF DEA, THE AMBASSADOR

EXPRESSED HIS OWN RECOGNITION OF THE DEA AGENTS'
"EXCELLENT WORK" WHICH HAD HAD A "TREMENDOUS...POSITIVE
IMPACT ON THE ATTITUDES OF INDIAN GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES."
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